Revenue (1959) Department.

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G.O. No. 89

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract
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PROHIBITION - Working of the Act - September 1948 - Reports from the Board of Revenue and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies - Recorded with remarks

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Revenue Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 88. Dated, the 10th January 1949
READ - the following:-

From the Board of Revenue, R. No. 1583/48-Pro dated the 3rd November 1948.

From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, C.R. 10078/48-K1 dated the 3rd November 1948.

ORDER:

Recorded.

2. The attention of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies is invited to G.O. (Ms) No.2822 Rev. dated the 25th November 1948 and he is informed that efforts should be made to increase savings amounting at least to a lakh of rupees in each district every month.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies).
To the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

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Press Note No. 289 dated the 15th December 1948.

The following report on the working of Prohibition during September 1948 in the 16 districts where it was then in force, is published for information.

CASES: The total number of cases detected during the month in all the 16 Prohibition districts was 4,823 as against 4,949 cases detected during the previous month. There was a heavy fall in the number of cases in Cuddapah. There was also a marked decrease in the number of cases detected in the districts of Chittoor, Nellore and Madura. The fall in Cuddapah is attributed partly to the sentences of imprisonment awarded in cases of drunkenness which had a deterrent effect on ~~the districts of Chittoor~~ addicts and also discouraged illicit distillers. The drive against drunkenness had also a deterrent effect in the districts of Chittoor and Nellore. In Madura district the vigilance of the staff and the close vehicular check had a preventive effect on crime.

Of the total number of cases reported in the 16 districts 2,261 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2,420 cases during the previous month. No illicit distillation case was reported in the Nilgiris district. 5 cases of illicit tapping for fermented toddy and 13 cases of tapping for sweet toddy without licences were reported during the month as against 9 and 6 cases respectively during the previous month. The number of cases of smuggling of liquor from outside the Province rose from 23 in the previous month to 32 during the month whereas the number of cases of smuggling of liquor from the non-Prohibition districts fell from 59 to 42. No organised effort at smuggling was reported from any of the districts. There was a decrease in the total number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs from 164 in the previous month to 131 during the month.

BORDER PROBLEMS: The border patrol staff were active. Vehicular checkes conducted by the staff during the month had a preventive effect on crime.

II. AMELIORATION.

RURAL RECREATION: The Rural Welfare Officers and Assistant Rural Welfare Officers conducted rural games in 1239 villages. 64 firka tournaments and one taluk tournament were held during the month and they attracted large gathering of ex-addcits and villagers. Prizes were also distributed to the winners in these tournaments.

BAJANAS, HARIKATHAS ETC: Bhajans, harikathas and kalakshepams were held in 1053 villages during the month. Folk dances, dramas or cinemas were held in 340 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff. The ballad singers organised community singing in 457 villages and trained 3,309 villagers.

GRAMASANGAMS: 149 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the month 5942 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do good work in the direction of rural water supply, communications, education and rural amusements.

THRIFT: A total sum of Rs. 7,572 was saved in hundi boxes during the month.

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-TAPPERS: Two Leathers Workers' Co-operative Societies were organised in Kurnool district, one at Kurnool and the other at Anumulapalli during the month. In the Salem district 3 milk supply societies were organised at Dharmapuri. In the Kurnool district milk supply societies were organised at Markapur and Yerragondapalem during the month. Milk Supply feeder societies were organised in the Anantapur district. Milk Supply societies were also started in Tanjore and Madura

districts. The Cattle breeding society at Kurli in Anantapur district was started during the month. A land colonisation society was organised at Neidalur village in Kulittalai taluk in the Tiruchirapalli district. In Nellore district a co-operative society for khadi spinning and weaving was organised at Chowtapalem in Kanupur firka. Labour contract societies were organised at Peddapad and Nadikotkur in the Kurnool district during the month. 502 jaggery manufacturing societies were organised till the end of the month in 11 out of the 16 Prohibition districts. The number of members in the societies started was 37,532. 18,258 maunds of jaggery worth Rs. 92,108 were produced during the month.

UPLIFT OF WOMEN: The members of the Department of Womens' Welfare continued to do useful work in the districts